

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW
CHANGES MADE**

Change the title to read: --ADHESIVE COMPOSITION--

Before paragraph [0001], add the heading --BACKGROUND OF THE
INVENTION--.

Before paragraph [0008], add the heading --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Before paragraph [0012], add the heading --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF
PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

Page 15, after the heading "CLAIMS" and before the first claim add --What is
claimed is:--.

Replace the paragraph(s) as follows:

-- [0019] In accordance with an advantageous development, several polyvinyl
alcohols can be utilized as dispersion agents. For example, A in a preferred
variation is defined in claim 12. the vinyl alcohol polymer in the adhesive
composition comprises a first partially saponified polymer with a polymerization
degree from 1500 to 3000 and a degree of hydrolysis from 88 to 92 Mol%,
especially 88 to 89 Mol%, and a viscosity from 15 to 30mPa. sec, especially 20 to
25mPa. Sec, each in watery solution, in an amount from 0.1 to 1.50 % by weight,
especially 0.3 to 0.6 % by weight relative to the dispersion,--

--[0036] ~~FIG. 1 shows a~~ The photography accompanying photograph illustrates in
which the positive properties of the adhesive according to the invention are

~~illustrated~~ in comparison with 2 commercially available D3 wood glues. The adhesive according to the invention, which fulfills the requirements for stress group D3 is spread in the central area showing a "neutral" pH-value of about 6.5-6.9. To the left and to the right, the comparative glues are spread out. They show a relatively strong acidic pH value in the range of 3 to 3.5 due to the crosslinking mechanism. As seen from the Figure, the "acidic" wood adhesives, upon contact with the wood show a distinct reddish discoloration. This is in particular seen with woods containing tannic acid or other content-rich woods types. This leads especially with veneers, and again here with expensive tropical wood veneers, to the disadvantages as afore-described. In the centrally applied wood adhesive, this critical discoloration is advantageously absent.--.